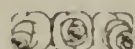
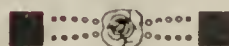


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**MEDICAL OFFICER'S
REPORT
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Norton Urban District Council.

Medical Officer's Annual Report for the Year ending 1937.

To the Chairman and Members of the N.U.D.C.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you my report for the year ended December 31st, 1937, on the Sanitary circumstances, its administration, and the vital statistics of the Urban District of Norton on the lines set out by the Ministry of Health in Appendix I of Circular 1650.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area—2,899 acres.

Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population ... 4,143.

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Book ending 1937 ... 1,305.

Rateable Value... £18,252.

Product of a Penny Rate (1937/8) ... £61 14s. 7d.

The inhabitants are employed in rural occupations and commercial enterprise which is chiefly in Malton. The majority live under good conditions.

VITAL STATISTICS.

					M.	F.	Total.		
Live Births	...	{	Legitimate ...	38	22	60	{	Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population, 15'21.	
			Illegitimate...	1	2	3			
Still Births	...	{	Legitimate ...	0	0	0	{	Still Birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births, 0'00.	
			Illegitimate...	0	0	0			
Deaths ...	...	...	...	...	30	14	44	{	Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population, 10'62.
Deaths from Puerperal causes—									
No. 29: Puerperal Sepsis				...	Nil.		{	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births Nil.	
No. 30: Other Puerperal causes				...	Nil.				
				Total Nil.					
Death rate of Infants under one year of age—									
(1)	All infants per 1,000 live births					...	...	...	15'87
(2)	Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births					...		...	16'67
(3)	Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births					...		...	Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	8
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	...	Nil.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Medical Officer of Health (part time.)—To December 31st—J. Y. WOODHOUSE, M.B., B.S.

Sanitary Inspector—To December 31st—T. FORREST, Cert. R. San. I.

Laboratory Facilities—These are carried out by arrangement with the County Authorities at the North Riding Laboratory at Scarborough, and with the Clinical Research Association at London. In the cases of Venereal diseases, laboratory examination is carried out at Hull Infirmary.

Ambulance Facilities—These are supplied by the St. John Ambulance Brigade (Malton Branch). This would appear to be both efficient and adequate.

Nursing in the Home—The Norton District Nursing Association provide a District Nurse who works in conjunction with the Practitioners in the area.

Clinics and Treatment Centres—A Voluntary Child Welfare Clinic is conducted once a month at Malton. The Malton Dispensary, situated in Norton, caters for the sick poor. Cases of Venereal disease are treated at York County Hospital. I now have authority to treat cases of Syphilis myself, if necessary.

Hospitals—The Malton, Norton and District Hospital admits those requiring treatment, usually acute cases and accidents. In certain circumstances cases are treated at Leeds General Infirmary by special arrangement. The Council contribute towards the maintenance of the East Riding Isolation Hospital at Driffield and the East Riding Small Pox Hospital.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) *Water*—No new sources of supply have been provided, or needed. Approximately 1000 yards of 3 in. water main were laid to serve new properties. No action has been necessary in respect of any form of contamination. The supply has been entirely satisfactory both in quality and quantity. Samples of water are sent quarterly to the Counties Public Health Laboratories, London, for bacteriological examination. The reports on analyses have shown the water to be clear and bright and of a high degree of bacterial purity in which respects it is pure and wholesome water, suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.
- (ii) *Drainage and Sewerage*—Work has been proceeding throughout the year on the scheme for the scientific disposal of sewage of this District jointly with the Malton Urban District. It is anticipated that the scheme will be in complete operation by January 1939.

2. *Rivers and Streams*—All the sewer mouths, which deliver into the River Derwent, have been cleansed. The river has been cleared of weeds and Priorpot Beck cleaned out. The sewer outlets into the river will be dispensed with immediately the sewerage and sewage disposal scheme is in operation.

3. (i) *Closet Accommodation*—Conversions during the year have been as follows :—

Number of ashpits converted to water carriage system	...	3.
Number of sanitary pans converted to water carriage system	...	6.

The number of conversions to water carriage system during the last five years (including 1937) has been twenty one ashpits and sixty two sanitary pans. It is intended that the majority of the remaining ashpits and sanitary pans will be converted to water carriage system when the sewerage and sewage disposal scheme is completed.

- (ii) *Public Cleansing*—No extension or improvement has been made in the arrangements for public cleansing. The streets are cleaned up daily and all dust bins emptied weekly. Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

- (iii) *Sanitary Inspection of the Area.*

Nuisances.		Formal Notices Sent.	Abated.	Found Correct.
Blocked Drains	...	16	16	—
Drains Tested	...	33	—	33
Cesspools Cleaned	...	6	6	—
Manure Heaps	...	1	1	—
Houses Disinfected	...	5	—	—

- (iv) *Shops*.—Four inspections made during year.

- (v) *Smoke abatement*—Complaints of a smoke nuisance were received towards the end of the year and this has subsequently been dealt with.

- (vi) *Swimming Baths and Pools* —The Council have a small open air swimming bath, which is open for four months of the year to both sexes. Towns water is used and this is changed weekly, also treated with liquid chlorine and the bath has been greatly improved and further dressing boxes provided.

- (vii) *Eradication of Bed Bugs.*

- (1) No Council houses or other houses were found to be infested,
- (2) No disinfestation methods were adopted.
- (3) Suspected cases of belongings infested with vermin are inspected before removal to Council houses, no such cases occurred during the year.
- (4) No disinfestation done during year.
- (5) All Council houses are inspected periodically and no infestation was found.

4. *Schools*—The sanitary condition of the schools in the area continued good. W.C's are installed and piped water supply laid on. It was not found necessary to close any of the schools in the area during the year to prevent the spread of infectious disease.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

1. *Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.*

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	25
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	25
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	25
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	25
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	25
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	17

2. *Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	8
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year.*

A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a)	By owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a)	By owners... ..	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	17
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders ...	Nil

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (2) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding :—*

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|----|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|
| A. | (1) | Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year | ... | ... | 15 |
| | (2) | Number of families dwelling therein | ... | ... | 15 |
| | (3) | Number of persons dwelling therein | ... | ... | 91 |
| B. | | Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year | ... | ... | 1 |
| C. | (1) | Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | ... | ... | 6 |
| | (2) | Number of persons concerned in such cases | ... | ... | 32 |
| D. | | Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | ... | ... | Nil |
| E. | | Twelve houses are in course of erection for the abatement of overcrowding. | | | |

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) *Milk Supply*—Dairies and cowsheds are periodically inspected. No samples of milk were taken during the year.
- (b) *Meat and other Foods*—All slaughterhouses are inspected daily and carcasses examined.

Carcasses Inspected and condemned.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	570	53	47	845	58,533
Number inspected	453	51	47	731	50,114
All diseases except Tuberculosis, whole carcasses condemned	2	1	—	1	9
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	84	7	—	3	90
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	19%	16%	—	6%	2%
Tuberculosis only—					
Whole carcasses condemned	4	3	—	1	85
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	43	9	2	1	12,244
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	10%	24%	4%	3%	24%

- (c) *Adulteration, etc.*—Inspections carried out by County Council.
- (d) *Chemical and Bacteriological Examinations of Food*—No action taken.
- (e) *Nutrition*—No action taken.
- (f) *Shell-fish (Molluscan)*.—No shell-fish beds or layings in District.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

2. The District was comparatively free from infectious disease during the year.

Notifiable Diseases (other than tuberculosis) during the year 1937.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.			Cases admitted to Hospital.			Total Deaths
Small Pox	Nil.	...	Nil.	...	Nil.
Scarlet Fever	Nil.	...	Nil.	...	Nil.
Diphtheria	2	...	2	...	Nil.
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	Nil.	...	Nil.	...	Nil.
Puerperal Fever	Nil.	...	Nil.	...	Nil.
Puerperal Pyrexia	Nil.	...	Nil.	...	Nil.
Pneumonia	Nil.	...	Nil.	...	Nil.
Other diseases generally notifiable	Nil.	...	Nil.	...	Nil.
Other diseases notifiable locally	Nil.	...	Nil.	...	Nil.

4 (A) *Prevention of Blindness*—No action taken.

(B) TUBERCULOSIS.

No action taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925, or Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

5 TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1937.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.		Respiratory		Non Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
5		2						
15		1			1			
25	+3					1		
35					1			
45								
55					1			
65 and upwards.								
Total	3	3			3	1		

+ Ages unknown.

NORTON,

May, 1938.

(Signed) J. Y. WOODHOUSE,

Medical Officer of Health.

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates, and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1937.

England and Wales, London, 125 Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns.

(Provisional Figures Based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns).

	England and Wales.	125 County Boro's and Great Towns including London.	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census).	London Administrative County.
Rates per 1,000 Population.				
Births :—				
Live	14. 9	14. 9	15.3	13.3
Still	0.60	0.67	0.64	0.54
Deaths :—				
All Causes	12. 4	12. 5	11.9	12.3
Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers }	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Smallpox	—	—	—	—
Measles	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01
Scarlet fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Whooping Cough	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.06
Diphtheria	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.05
Influenza	0.45	0.39	0.42	0.38
Violence	0.54	0.45	0.42	0.51
NOTIFICATIONS :—				
Smallpox	0.00	—	0.00	—
Scarlet Fever	2.33	2.56	2.42	2.09
Diphtheria	1.49	1.81	1.38	1.93
Enteric fever	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.05
Erysipelas	0.37	0.43	0.34	0.44
Pneumonia	1.36	1.58	1.20	1.18
Rates per 1,000 Live Births.				
Deaths under 1 year of age	58	62	55	60
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	5. 8	7. 9	3. 2	12. 0
MATERNAL MORTALITY :—				
Puerperal Sepsis	0.97	Not available—		
Others	2.26			
Total	3.23			
Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. Live and Still).				
MATERNAL MORTALITY :—				
Puerperal Sepsis	0.94	Not available—		
Others	2.17			
Total	3.11			
NOTIFICATIONS :—				
Puerperal fever	13.93	17.59	11.52	{ 4.15 14.34
Puerperal pyrexia				

MEMORANDUM.—Please note that the number of notified cases of *Puerperal Fever* relate to the first thirty-nine weeks of the year only. Cases occurring afterwards are classed to *Puerperal Pyrexia* and included accordingly.